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For: SPREAD SPECTRUM METER READING SYSTEM UTILIZING LOW SPEED/HIGH-POWER FREQUENCY HOPPING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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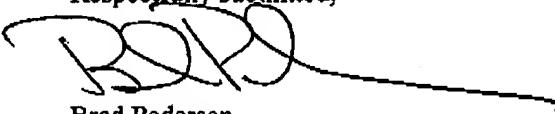
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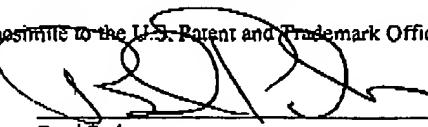
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